

## **CAP MR/DD Service Definition**

**Title:** Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

**Service Definition:**

PERS is an electronic device, which enables certain individuals at high risk of institutionalization to secure help in an emergency. The individual may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility. The system is connected to the person's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. The response center is staffed by trained professionals, as specified in Provider Qualifications.

**Service Limitation:**

PERS services are limited to those individuals who live alone, or who are alone for significant parts of the day, who are alone for any period of time and have a written plan for increasing the duration of time spent alone as a means of gaining a greater level of independence, or who have no regular caregiver for extended periods of time, and who would otherwise require extensive routine supervision.

**Documentation:**

It is required that the agency maintain a record that documents the date that the service is started, the dates that it is provided, and the date it is terminated.